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COMMUNICATION FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the targeted growth rate for providing communication facility in the country during Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the extent to which the said target has been achieved till date;

(c) reasons for the shortfall, if any; and

(d) the action taken to overcome the shortfall and achieve the targeted growth rate in the remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The growth rate for providing communication facility is generally measured with the growth of Direct Exchange Lines (DELs).

The actual growth rate for the first 4 years of the Ninth Five Year Plan is more than that targetted, the details of which are as follows:-

Year	Targetted Growth rate (%)	Actual Growth rate (%)
1997-98	19.94	22.4
1998-99	20.22	21.3
1999-2000	21.07	22.77
2000-01	21.84	22.35

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of parts `a` & `b`.